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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks in connection with the prosecution of the captioned application, which is a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371 of international application number PCT/NO2003/000270, filed August 7, 2003, which claims priority to application number 20023724 filed August 7, 2002, in Norway the entire disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on Page 1 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.